

## **School Meals FAQ:**

**How often is there a new menu?** Once per term on a three week rolling programme. (NB: Exception during lockdown as a full menu was not followed).

**How are the menus decided?** Mrs Giles consults with the School Council, sees first hand when serving meals what meals are the most popular and then these are submitted to County to be checked that the new menu complies with school food standards. ie that oily fish is included the required amount, that processed meat is only so many times, fruit content in desserts etc.

**Do you review menus with parents?** We did when it was set up in the early years of school meals provision but now all the nutritional standards need to be met there is little room for flexibility. Interestingly on the open question/queries section of our 'planning for 2021/22 stakeholder survey' (April 2021) we only had one comment regarding school meals (*"I think the school catering is excellent! Such a varied healthy nutritious menu - thank you!"*).

**How do you ensure quality?** We pay into the County school meals audit service to complete an annual audit to ensure due diligence. These audits are reviewed by the Business Team and then the catering contract is reviewed with the provider. In addition, the ad hoc food standards check is also completed.

### **What happens on school trip days?**

- For those who have signed up for daily free meals:

Packed lunches will be provided which will consist of a sandwich or bread roll, piece of fruit, packet of crisps and biscuit or cake. The pupils will be asked at school to choose what they would like. For example, white/brown bread, ham/egg mayo/cheese filling.

- For those who usually book and pay for their meals:

Please contact Mrs Giles as usual and book your packed lunches.

NB: Allergens: A list of allergens in the packed lunch can be obtained from Mrs Giles

### **What are the details in the latest reports?**

Latest EHO Visit: Jan 20 5 stars.

Latest School Meals Audit: April 2021

*("A well run kitchen with good paperwork and processes in place. A few minor improvements could be made to further improve due diligence. The children all seemed to enjoy their lunches in a pleasant atmosphere.")*

**If I have any queries about school lunches, who do I contact?** If it is regarding free meals, the school office and for anything else Mrs Giles.

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